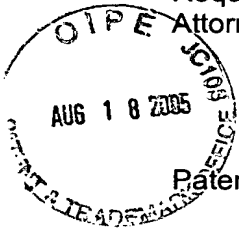


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Patent No. : 6,878,360 Confirmation No. 9551
Inventor : Ohsaki et al.
Issued : April 12, 2005
Title : Carbon Fibrous Matter, Production Device
of Carbon Fibrous Matter and Deposit
Prevention Device For Carbon Fibrous Material
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In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

Column 27, Line 43, Claim 4, "for supplying and" should read -- for supplying said --
(See Amendment of 11/12/2004, page 3, Claim 18, line 2. Claim 18 issued as Claim 4.)

Column 28, Line 29, Claim 11, "of a circle" should read -- of a circle; --
(See Amendment of 11/12/2004, page 5, Claim 25, line 5. Claim 25 issued as Claim 11.)

Column 28, Line 54, Claim 13, "furnace or tubular reactor" should read
-- furnace of tubular reactor --
(See Amendment of 11/12/2004, page 3, Claim 12, line 11. Claim 12 issued as Claim 13.)

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 27, Line 43, Claim 4, "for supplying and" should read -- for supplying said --

Column 28, Line 29, Claim 11, "of a circle" should read -- of a circle; --

Column 28, Line 54, Claim 13, "furnace or tubular reactor" should read
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Title: : **CARBON FIBROUS MATERIALS, APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF CARBON FIBROUS MATERIALS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF CARBON FIBROUS MATERIALS, AND DEVICE FOR PREVENTING THE DEPOSITION OF CARBON FIBROUS MATERIALS**
Group Art Unit : 1754
Examiner : Peter J. Lish
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action, dated May 14, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, as well as a Petition for Extension of Time.

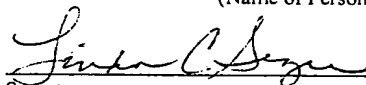
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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13 12. (Currently Amended): A device for preventing carbon fibrous materials from being deposited, comprising:

5 a discharging means including a discharge pipe for taking at least one of the carbon fibrous materials, a carbon source and a metal catalyst source into the discharge pipe at an opening of the discharge pipe and then discharging the carbon fibrous materials to an outside of the discharging means, the discharge pipe being positioned to have the opening face in close proximity to a reaction zone for producing the carbon fibrous materials, and the discharge pipe being positioned to be at least partially within the furnace of tubular reactor; and

10 a guide gas-supplying means for allowing a guide gas to pass through an end of the furnace of tubular reactor ~~distal to~~ spaced from the opening of the discharge pipe, the opening of the discharge pipe and then an inside of the discharge pipe, wherein the gas passes through the end of the furnace in a direction countercurrent to the direction of flow of gas through the discharge pipe.

13.-16. (Cancelled)

3 17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim ¹8, further including a heater around the furnace.

4 18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ²9, wherein said feedstock-supplying means comprises a feedstock-supplying nozzle for supplying said

(9) 23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ¹8, said discharging means further comprising an exhaust device for exhausting gases in said discharge pipe and a collecting device for collecting said carbon fibrous material.

(10) 24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ²9, wherein said guide gas-supplying means comprises:

a guide gas uniform supply vessel for storing the guide gas, said guide gas uniform supply vessel having an opening at the top thereof and being connected with the bottom of said furnace of tubular reactor, wherein said discharge pipe lies through said vessel;

a guide gas supply pipe communicating with the inside of said guide gas uniform supply vessel, for introducing said guide gas into said inside of said guide gas uniform supply vessel; and

a gas flow regulating part located at said top of said guide gas uniform supply vessel at around the connected part of said vessel and said furnace.

(11) 25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim ¹⁰24, wherein said guide gas uniform supply vessel has an upper transition part and a lower part, the diameter of said upper transition part gradually increasing from the connected part to said lower part so as to achieve a sealed connection between said vessel and said furnace; the ⁵ section of said lower part, vertical to the axis of said discharge pipe, has a shape of a circle; and the diameter of said circle is 1.1 to 4 times as large as the inner diameter of said furnace of tubular reactor.